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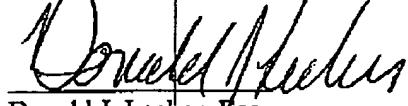
RE: Enclosed After-Final Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 & Applicant's Statement of Substance of Interview
 U.S. Patent Application No.: 10/603,961
 Attorney Docket No.: 03-8 FJA
 Our Reference No.: EBI.009

Dear Examiner JOYCE,

Enclosed for filing is an After-Final Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in response to the Office Action mailed on July 26, 2006, in the above-referenced application, which is believed to place of the application in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,



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Serial No.: 10/603,961

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116 and
APPLICANT'S STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated July 26, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows: